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Army Enroute Critical Care Nursing

Program Summary

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AGENDA

PURPOSE: To provide information on the current status of the CENTCOM Army Nurse component of the ECC program

- Mission/Vision
- Roles and Duty Description
- Selection Criteria
- Training Requirements



Army ECCN Mission/Vision

- **ECC Mission:** Enhance post-damage control resuscitation, surgical, and medical evacuation capabilities and outcomes for severely injured/ill patients through integration of ECC team members into US forces non-regulated medical evacuation platforms throughout the full spectrum of the battle space; from Role II to Role III Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF) and with expanded support for specific Role I/Point of Injury (POI) missions.
- **ECC Vision:** Deliver consistent, quality critical care to US, NATO, and host nation forces and civilians during transport



Army ECCN Roles and Duty Description

- **Roles**

- Team leader for evacuation care of critical care patients
- Emphasis on post-resuscitation evacuation (Role II/Role III)
- Supporting team member for select, acute Role I/Combat Out Post evacuation
- Conduct AAR/process review for all ECC missions

- **Duty Description**

- Serves as member of a CENTCOM joint force, tactical critical care transport team responsible for in-flight critical care management of combatant and non-combatants in the Afghanistan Theater of Operations. Serves as advisor to the General Support Aviation Brigade GSAB and MEDEVAC commanders for critical care evacuation. Responsible for quality assurance oversight for critical care transport.



Army ECCN Selection Criteria

- All Army Nurse Corps officers must have the following requirements to be selected for the ECC transport mission:
 - Be a 66HM5, 66H8A or a 66T (TIER 1 ASSETS)
 - Previous deployment
 - 12 months ICU/ER experience in a MEDCEN (LRMC, TAMC, MAMC, WBAMC, BAMC, Hood, Bragg, or WRNMMC)
 - Recommendation from their Clinical Nursing OIC and Section Chief
 - Meet height/weight and APFT standards. Have no temporary profiles; prefer “1s” on PULHES. Be physically fit and able to work on their knees as they treat their patients; no back or knee injuries that will impair performance.
 - Current approved class 3 flight physical
 - BLS
 - ACLS



Army ECCN Training Requirements

- Prior to deployment selected AN officers must:
 - Attend the Joint Enroute Care Course (JECC)
 - Attend the Trauma Nurse Core Course (TNCC)
 - Complete additional training that supports the knowledge, skills and tasks to support the following enroute critical care mission: (TNATC, ENPC, ABLS may meet some of these requirements):

Airway and Ventilator Management

Transport Physiology

Neurological Trauma Shock

Thoracic and Abdominal Trauma

Pediatric Trauma

Oxygen consumption calculations

Crisis Management

Blood Component Management

Burn Management

Medication drip calculations

Infectious Disease